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LOCAL LEGISLATION

Extra Busy Session of the City Council Tuesday Evening

The city council met Tuesday evening in regular session, with President Hunter and Aldermen Bennett, Roess, Knight and Smith present.

Minutes of last regular meeting and special meeting were read and approved.

Mr. R. L. Anderson appeared before the council in reference to an account held against him for personal taxes for the year 1913, stating that he was not at that time residing within the city limits. Referred to the finance committee for adjustment.

Dr. E. Van Hood made complaint that auto drivers were not complying with the ordinance in regard to the use of cut-outs on the city's streets. The attention of the city marshal was called to this matter with instructions to see that the law is enforced. Dr. Hood's complaint was that persons habitually violate this ordinance early in the mornings before most people have completed their slumbers.

Messrs. J. H. Brinson and J. S. Grantham of the county school board were present and the latter addressed the council in regard to the placing of a fire hydrant in close proximity to the new high school building just being completed. It seems that the insurance rate with the present location of hydrants is \$3 per \$1000 on the new building, while if another hydrant is located just a short distance nearer the rate will be just half that amount. After conference with Chief Chambers of the fire department and City Engineer Drake the matter was referred to the light and water committee.

President Hunter took occasion at this time to ask the members of the school board about the construction of a sidewalk on the South Third street side of the primary school lot. Mr. Brinson assured the council that this matter would be taken up at the earliest possible moment by the board.

Dr. J. Walter Hood suggested several changes in the traffic ordinance which the council assured him would be looked into when the committee decided upon the matter of changing this document.

Judge D. S. Williams, representing the Marion County Fair Association, informed the council that the irrigation plant at the fair grounds had been completed and now only awaited the action of the council in the matter of furnishing water for same to get in into operation. Mr. Roess' proposition as chairman of the light and water committee to furnish water to the fair grounds for half rate was approved by the council, and it was ordered that a meter and necessary connections be made at once.

Judge Williams for the Woodmar Sand & Stone Company made a proposition to the council for settlement of account of sidewalk construction on West Broadway at a discount of 10% from the original price. If this proposition is not accepted he asked that the company be given authority to remove the walks and replace them according to specifications. Referred to the street committee.

Communication from Dr. J. H. Dunn offering the city a rental of \$10 per month for the lot formerly used as a pound on West Fort King avenue was referred to the special committee appointed some weeks ago to arrange for the erection of sheds and stalls for feeding the animals of transients.

Upon motion the president of the council and city clerk were instructed to draw warrants for interest on outstanding notes against the city.

The heads of the various city departments present at the meeting stated that work was progressing satisfactorily and there was no special reports filed.

A communication from Dr. H. F. Watt, city health officer, was read. It was a very complete document. It shows that all of the bakeries and meat markets in the city, with the exception of two, are in good shape. The dairies also make a good showing, and Dr. Watt in his report calls attention to the fact that those showing low scores are gradually going out of the business. He also cites that Ocala's average scores are now higher than any city in the state and the highest score is half per cent higher than any other.

Dr. Watt is considering the advisability of publishing in the local newspapers each month a report of the number of cases of contagious diseases in the city, believing that such publicity would prevent occasional exaggerated reports from being circulated to our detriment.

The clerk's monthly financial report was read and ordered filed for information. (See report elsewhere).

City Attorney F. R. Hocker asked that he be allowed credit on his tax certificate account for the amount involved in certificates against cer-

tain properties of G. R. McKean, it appearing from receipts that said account had been paid. Council granted the request and ordered that said certificates be marked "paid" and sent to Mr. McKean.

On motion all accounts presented and properly audited were ordered paid.

The street committee recommended that the plat submitted by Judge Warner for approval, be returned for revision.

Chairman Bennett of the fire committee reported a quantity of old hose sold.

The light and water committee reported progress on the purchase of additional machinery for the electric light plant, and asked for further time to make final report.

Clerk was instructed to draw warrants for preliminary expenses in suits of the city against property owners for collecting past due taxes.

The clerk was instructed to provide suitable accommodations for newspaper reporters in the council chamber. (This courtesy will be appreciated by the city press).

Council then adjourned until Friday evening, at which time the bonding ordinance will be taken up in special session.

OCALA'S TEMPLES

OF EDUCATION

If any Ocala boy or girl fails to receive a good education, it will not be the fault of the county school board or district trustees.

This was impressed on a Star reporter when he took a look at the city school buildings today.

In company with the members of the school board, the reporter went first up in the second ward to look at the primary school, being enlarged and improved, and the entirely new high school building.

The latter is something to be proud of, and one in which the pupils can learn in comfort and convenience. It is all built, and the only work that now remains is the inside finishing and putting in the fittings.

Mr. R. Strickland, the faithful and efficient foreman for the contractors, F. W. Long & Co., of Jacksonville, said the work could be finished in ten days if necessary, and will certainly be done in plenty of time for school opening, Sept. 28.

It is a fine looking building—two stories and basement—and most conveniently arranged on every floor.

The first story is given to class rooms of the different grades, all well lighted.

On the same floor is the study hall—a regular palace of a big room, where pupils of all grades may go, for study. Next to it will be the library. Teachers' rooms are across the hall. A stairway leads to the principal's room on the third floor. It is a neat and convenient room, the corner tower of the educational battleship. The rest of the floor is given up to the rooms for the higher classes.

The basement is solid and roomy and gloomy compared with the well lighted rooms above, but tolerably well lighted for that. In one big room will be taught domestic science, in which the young idea will be taught to cook instead of shoot. In another big room will be the department of manual training, not this year but next. The boiler room, closets, etc., are on this floor. There are half a dozen big rooms, in which the primary grades will be taught until the improvements on their own schoolhouse are finished.

A fine feature of the school are the two big courts leading in from the rear. Each sets deep into the building and is two stories high. Students may go in them for quiet study. In case the room is needed, the study hall may be extended over one of them, without impairing its usefulness.

It is a good looking building all around. As a member of the board said, "It all looks like front to me."

If you want to know what the war in Europe looks like, just go and lamp the primary schoolhouse. It looks like the Germans have been bombarding it. It will take several weeks to make the improvements, meantime the scholars will occupy the basement of the high school. It will be handsome and convenient when the work is done.

Later in the day, the reporter saw the work going ahead on the North Ocala schoolhouse. A splendid well has been sunk, and the brick foundations are almost finished. It will be ready in five or six weeks.

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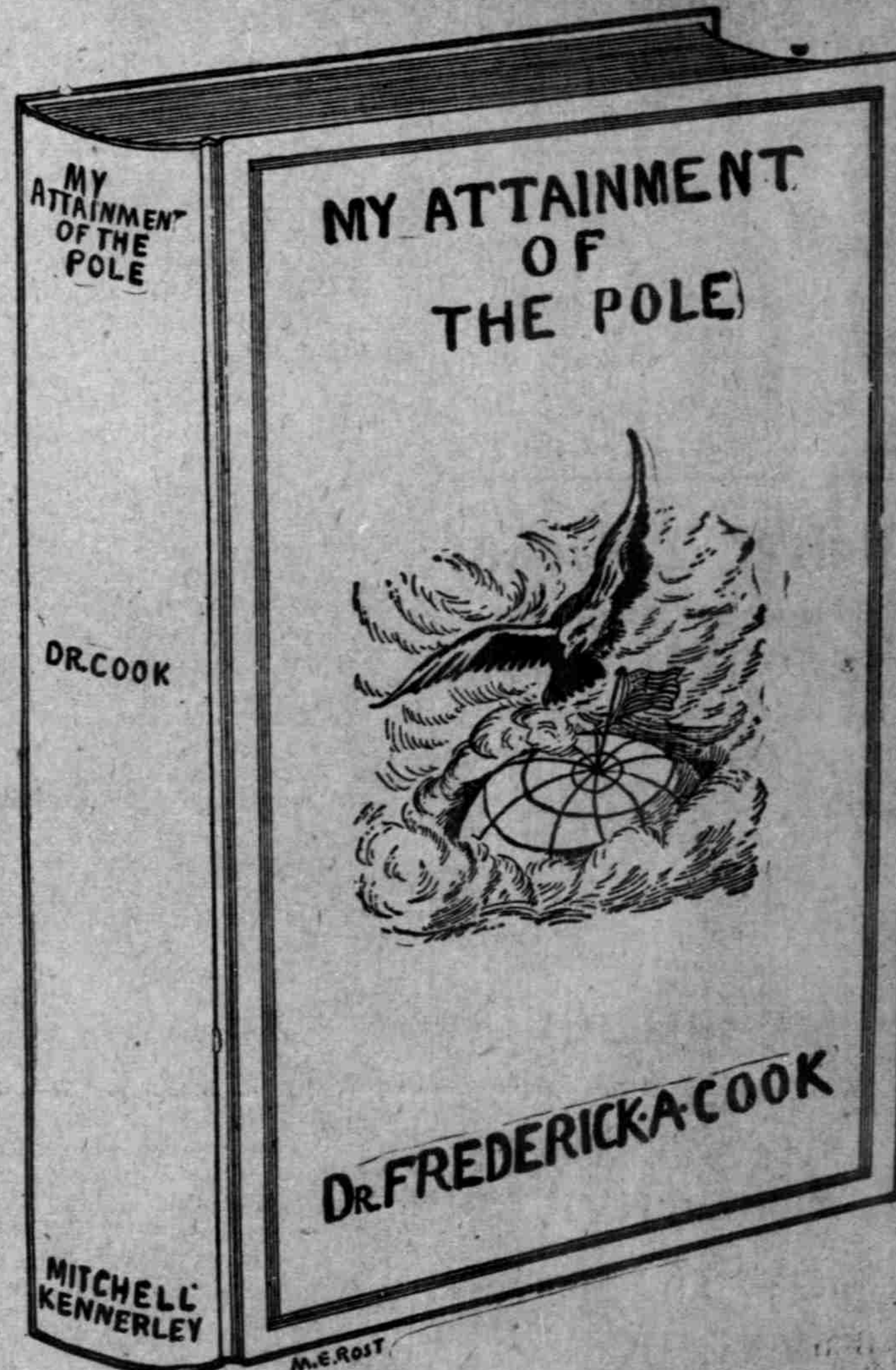
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